

**Lewis and Clark County Mental Health Local Advisory Council's  
Steering Committee  
Public Health Huddle Room  
1930 Ninth Avenue, Helena, MT  
Friday, October 19, 2018, 9:00am**

**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Jill Steeley called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

Members in Attendance: Jill Steeley (Chair), Matt Furlong (Vice Chair), John Wilkinson, and Drenda Niemann.

Staff Support in Attendance: Jocelyn Olsen.

**2. LAC Membership**

The LAC will continue collecting applications. The Steering Committee approved the applications from Annie Maixner and David Roberts and will forward them to the appropriate personnel so that the L&C County Commissioners may provide approval and appointment. The LAC is still in need of two consumer/family member and two school representatives. The LAC is hoping to get an application from Sue Noem to fill the St. Peter's Hospital representative position.

The Steering Committee agreed to hold off on school representative recruitment until after the 2018 elections so conversation may commence with the new county superintendent.

ACTION: Jill will speak with Adam from Narrate Church and Ron from East Helena School District. Matt will speak with Jeff Krott and Michael from Peer Support. Drenda will speak with Scott from the Vet Center. John will ask Margaret Strachan about her ongoing involvement in the LAC. Jocelyn will ask Sue Noem for her board application.

**3. Meeting Time, Date, Location**

The majority of results from the Survey Monkey sent to all LAC members and interested parties indicated that the best time and date to meet for general LAC meetings is the current 11:30am slot on the first Tuesday of the month. Discussion on other locations to hold the meeting occurred as there have been some scheduling issues with the Intermountain Conference Room where meetings currently take place. The PureView Board Room and St. Peter's Hospital were two other locations that may be of interest in holding general meetings.

**4. Agenda Items for November Meeting**

There are standing agenda items regarding updates from other Mental Health meetings in the community and workgroup progress. This agenda will also include a discussion on legislative priorities the LAC would like to address.

The LAC Steering Committee agreed to move the next LAC general meeting to November 13 due to the conflict with Election Day. Additionally, the meeting will be held at PureView in the board room because Intermountain is not available on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Use of Mini-grant for 2-1-1 Advertising**

Matt Furlong applied for a mini-grant of approximately \$4,000 last year. The grant was awarded to the LAC and must be used by December 1, 2018. The Steering Committee brainstormed different ways in which the money could be used to promote 2-1-1 such as creating a resource guide similar to that used in Gallatin Co. that has descriptions of different behaviors to look for and the resources to connect individuals presenting with such behaviors. The committee explored positives and negatives of a resource guide like this which factored in outdated information and appropriate dispersal methods.

**ACTION:** Matt and Jill will meet with Alison Munson at United Way to determine the best way to support the advertising efforts of the 2-1-1 database.

**6. Legislative Priorities and Mini-grant Application**

The committee decided that the best way to engage legislators would be to organize a dinner in the time between post-election and pre-session. The committee discussed names of individuals that would be beneficial to engage for this event. It was also decided that the LAC would apply for another mini-grant to fund this event.

**ACTION:** Matt will research prices for various locations this event could be held for this legislative session. Jocelyn will ask Jess if she will compile a list of legislative priorities to discuss at the next general LAC meeting. John will speak to Gary Mihelish about having him do a 15 minute presentation at the December LAC meeting on how to best speak with legislature.

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.